

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.     **(Previously Presented)**     A recording apparatus for recording a content which is a digital copyrighted work onto a recording medium, comprising:
  - a content obtainment unit operable to obtain a content provided externally;
  - a content image quality identification unit operable to identify an image quality of the obtained content;
  - a recording medium type identification unit operable to identify a type of the recording medium; and
  - a recording unit operable to record the content onto the recording medium according to one of a plurality of recording copyright protection methods, wherein each of the copyright methods protects a content using at least one of an encryption and a signature, and has a different security level, and
  - wherein, the security level of each of the plurality of copyright protection methods and the image quality of the content are associated with each other such that a higher security level is associated with a higher image quality of the content, and
  - when the type of the recording medium identified by the recording medium type identification unit is compliant with the plurality of copyright protection methods, the recording unit records the content on the recording medium according to one of the plurality of copyright protection methods having a security level corresponding to the image quality of the content identified by the content image quality identification unit, from the plurality of the copyright protection methods compliant with the recording medium identified by the recording medium type identification unit.
2.     **(Canceled)**
3.     **(Original)**     The recording apparatus according to Claim 1,
  - wherein the recording medium type identification unit identifies the type of the recording medium according to a type of information previously stored in a non-rewritable area

of the recording medium.

**4. (Canceled)**

**5. (Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising

a copyright protection method selection unit operable to select the one copyright protection method out of the plurality of copyright protection methods based on an instruction from a provider of the content,

wherein the recording unit records the content according to the copyright protection method selected by the copyright protection method selection unit.

**6. (Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the content includes specification information for specifying the one copyright protection method out of the plurality of copyright protection methods, and

the recording apparatus further comprises a

copyright protection method selection unit operable to select the one copyright protection method out of the plurality of copyright protection methods based on the specification information included in the content,

wherein the recording unit records the content according to the copyright protection method selected by the copyright protection method selection unit.

**7. (Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a copyright protection method selection unit operable to select the one copyright protection method out of the plurality of recording methods based on an instruction by a user,

wherein the recording unit records the content according to the copyright protection method selected by the copyright protection method selection unit.

**8-9. (Canceled)**

**10. (Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein:  
the content obtainment unit includes a plurality of input channel units, each  
corresponding to a type of data to be obtained;

the recording apparatus further comprises a copyright protection method selection unit  
operable to select the one copyright protection method out of the plurality of copyright protection  
methods according to one of the plurality of the input channel units that has obtained the content;  
and

the recording unit records the content according to the copyright protection method  
selected by the copyright protection method selection unit.

**11. (Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein:  
the recording unit records a second content by a second copyright protection method on  
the recording medium while retaining a first content, and the first content is recorded on the  
recording medium by a first copyright protection method;

the second content is the same as the first content, and the second copyright protection  
method is different from the first copyright protection method; and

the second copyright protection method is a copyright protection method having a  
security level corresponding to the image quality of the content from the plurality of copyright  
protection methods compliant with the type of the recording medium identified by the recording  
medium type identification unit.

**12. (Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein:  
a first content is recorded onto the recording medium by a first copyright protection  
method;

the recording apparatus further records the first content by a second copyright protection  
method onto the recording medium after reading out the first content from the recording medium;

and

the second copyright protection method is a copyright protection method of a security level corresponding to the image quality of the content from the plurality of copyright protection methods compliant with the type of the recording medium identified by the recording medium type identification unit.

**13. (Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a copyright protection method selection unit operable to select at least two copyright protection methods from the plurality of copyright protection methods, wherein the recording unit records the content onto the recording medium according to the selected at least two copyright protection methods.

**14. (Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein: the content obtainment unit encrypts the obtained content according to the one of the plurality of copyright protection methods, and sends the encrypted content to the recording unit via a transmission channel; the recording unit records the encrypted content received via the transmission channel onto the recording medium, thereby the recording unit records the content onto the recording medium according to the one of the plurality of copyright protection methods.

**15. (Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein: the copyright protection method includes a first copyright protection method and a second copyright protection method compliant with the method for protecting a copyright of a content; and the content obtainment unit encrypts the content with a previously held secret key when the recording unit adopts the first copyright protection method, and encrypts the content with an externally obtained secret key when the recording unit adopts the second copyright protection

method.

**16. (Previously Presented)** The recording apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein:  
the plurality of copyright protection methods include a first copyright protection method and a second copyright protection method compliant with the method for protecting a copyright of a content; and

the content obtainment unit reencrypts the content into an encrypted content corresponding to the second copyright protection method and sends the reencrypted content to the recording unit when the obtained content is an encrypted content corresponding to the first copyright protection method.

**17-22. (Canceled)**

**23. (Previously Presented)** A recording method for recording a content which is a digital copyrighted work onto a recording medium, comprising:

obtaining a content provided externally;  
identifying an image quality of the obtained content;  
identifying a type of the recording medium; and

recording the content onto the recording medium according to one of a plurality of copyright protection methods, wherein each of the plurality of copyright methods protects a content using at least one of an encryption and a signature, and has a different security level, and  
wherein the security level of each of the plurality of copyright protection methods and the image quality of the content are associated with each other such that a higher security level is associated with a higher image quality of the content, and

when the type of the recording medium identified by said identifying a type of the medium operation is compliant with the plurality of copyright protection methods, in said recording operation the content is recorded on the medium according to one of the plurality of copyright protection methods having a security level corresponding to the image quality of the

content identified by a content image quality identification unit, from the plurality of copyright protection methods compliant with the recording medium identified by a recording medium type identification unit.

**24-25. (Canceled)**

**26. (Currently Amended)** A computer-readable ~~recording-storage~~ medium having recorded thereon a program for a recording method that records a content which is a digital copyrighted work on a recording medium, the program causing a computer to execute at least the following:

- obtaining a content provided externally;
- identifying an image quality of the obtained content;
- identifying a type of the recording medium;
- and

recording the content on the recording medium according to one of a plurality of copyright protection methods, wherein each of the copyright protection methods protects a content using at least one of an encryption and a signature and has a different security level, and

wherein the security level of each of the plurality of copyright protection methods and the image quality of the content are associated with each other such that a higher security level is associated with a higher image quality of the content, and

when the type of the recording medium identified by said identifying a type of the recording medium operation is compliant with the plurality of copyright protection methods, in said recording operation, the content is recorded on the recording medium according to one of the plurality of copyright protection methods having a security level corresponding to the image quality of the content identified by a content image quality identification unit, from the plurality of copyright protection methods compliant with the recording medium identified by a recording medium type identification unit.